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TO: USCINCEUR

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Vice Director, Joint Staff Sends.

Chief JUSMAAG Athens Sends pass to General LEMNITZER.

Reference: A. OCE 102203Z APR, OPY 910327. LN 5129
B. USNMA 211100Z APR, ALO 838.

1. Recently, the Secretary of Defense has asked certain questions pertaining to the current deployment of NATO Forces on the Central Front and the redeployment of these forces that should be accomplished in order to implement the forward strategy concept. In this connection, the Secretary has informed the Joint Chiefs of Staff that he "looks forward to discussing with the Joint Chiefs of Staff on a regular basis their thoughts on Force Redeployments required to provide a posture on the Central Front of NATO which would assure a forward strategy".

2. The Joint Chiefs of Staff, in line with SACUR's emergency defense plan (NATO 1962) and recognizing that this EDP is based on current capabilities and the early employment of Nuclear Weapons in the event of a Soviet attack in Europe.

3. As a portion of the information required by the Joint Chiefs of Staff to enable to discuss specific deployments with the Secretary of Defense, it is requested that you provide information concerning the following by 11 May, 1962.

- A. Current C&D positions of Major US and Allied Army and Air Force Units.
- B. Normal Garrison and C&D positions of force requirements of MC 26/4 are not.
- C. Some indication of the level which would be required to effect permanent redeployments for a more forward posture.

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Although it is recognized that you may have had insufficient time to evaluate the relevant CENTENT Plans, your preliminary views on 3B and 3C above, would be appreciated.

5. In view of your exchange of messages with the Secretary of Defense in references A and B, and the views of the Secretary as expressed in draft speech to RAC, the JCS believe you may desire to send a briefing team to participate in the mid-May discussions. SCP-4.

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